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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES TO ASSIST BARBADOS AND CARICOM IN HEALTH
MANAGEMENT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1978 -- THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
SECRETARIAT TODAY RECEIVED A US A.I.D. GRANT OF \$1,000,000 US AS THE
FIRST PART OF THE PLANNED AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION OF US\$1,800,000
TOWARD A THREE-YEAR PROJECT IN BASIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT TRAINING.
THE GRANT WAS SIGNED IN BRIDGETOWN BY DR. PHILIP BOYD, CHIEF,
HEALTH SECTION OF CARICOM, FOR THE CARICOM SECRETARIAT; JOHN EDDY,
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY; AND WILLIAM B. WHEELER,
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A.I.D. REPRESENTATIVE.

THE GRANT WILL SUPPORT A CARICOM PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE
MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH IN ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, DOMINI-
CA, GRENADA, MONTserrat, ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, ST. LUCIA,
AND ST. VINCENT IN THE TRAINING OF APPROXIMATELY 700 TOP, MIDDLE
AND LOWER-LEVEL HEALTH PERSONNEL IN BASIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT. THE

GRANT WILL ALSO PROVIDE 56 MONTHS OF SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH PLANNING, INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT, AND PROJECT DESIGN. IN ADDITION, THE GRANT WILL PROVIDE BOOKS, JOURNALS, ARTICLES, AND MODERN MANAGEMENT TOOLS TO A MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED ON EACH ISLAND.

THE GRANT IS PART OF A.I.D.'S CARIBBEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND CONSTITUTES THE FIRST MAJOR HEALTH PROJECT WITH CARICOM. A.I.D. ASSISTS PROGRAMS OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN.
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